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5. Despite the increased number of truck kills in recent months only a small percentage of the supplies moving through the Panhandle of North Vietnam are being destroyed. Although no precise estimate is possible it is virtually certain that enemy losses of supplies from all causes do not exceed 20 percent and may not be much greater than 10 percent.

6. The bombing, however, does impose an additional burden or tax on the North Vietnamese. The costs in terms of supplies and equipment lost to air attack as well as the manpower diverted to keep supplies moving and LOC's open adds in real terms to the enemy's burden. Thus, the air campaign extracts a meaningful price from the enemy even if it has not placed a relevant ceiling on combat in South Vietnam. The logistical buildup has paralleled the North Vietnamese personnel infiltration and force buildup in the South. Allied ground and air operations -- spoiling operations and the destruction of enemy caches in the combat zone -- have been much more of an inhibiting factor on enemy operations in South Vietnam than air attacks against logistics targets in North Vietnam.

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